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SUBJ: ILLICIT PAYMENTS

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1. EMBOFF HAS LEARNED THAT MR. DANIEFL L. SKONDIN, EXECUTIVE VP OF KOREA SILO CO. LTD., A 50-50 JOINT VENTURE BETWEEN DAEHAN FLOUR MILL CO. AND PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL FOODS CO. OF THE U.S., HAS RECENTLY BEEN INTERROGATED BY THE SEOUL DISTRICT PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE IN CONNECTION WITH AN ALLEGED ILLEGAL PAYMENT OF WON ONE MILLION TO EX-ROK NATIONAL ASSEMBLY MEMBER (GEN.RET.) KANG MUN-PONG WHO HAS BEEN ARRESTED FOR CORRUPTION AS REPORTED REFTEL. KANG REPORTEDLY INFORMED INVESTIGATORS THAT HE HAD RECEIVED PAYMENT FROM KOREA SILO.

2. ACCORDING TO EMBASSY'S SOURCE, KOREA SILO HAD USED KANG'S "GOOD OFFICES" IN CONNECTION WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE FIRM'S INCHON HARBOR GRAIN TERMINAL FROM 1972 ONWARDS. SKONDIN REPORTEDLY ANSWERED TRUTHFULLY THAT NO RPT NO PAYMENT WAS MADE TO KANG. NONETHELESS, POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT MONEY MAY HAVE PASSED FROM AN AGENT ON KOREA SILO'S PAYROLL.

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